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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: DOS BOCAS PORT

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH PEMEX OFFICIALS WHO DENY THAT DOS BOCAS WILL BE FORE FOCUS OFANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME. PLANNING IS UNDER WAY FOR MONOBUOY SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF HANDLING TANKERS OF UP TO 150,000 TONS AT SALINA CRUZ AND COATZCOALCOS. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION/COMPLETION SCHEDULES ARE UNKNOWN BUT PEMEX OFFICIALS RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO HOUSTON TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF THE MONOBUOY FOR SALINA CRUZ.
- 2. RECENTLY COMPLETED PORT AT PAJARITOS CAN HANDLE TANKERS OF UP TO 50,000 TONS (THE PORT HAS SIX SLIPS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO MOVE CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCT) AND THE EXISTING MONOBUOY AT SALINA CRUZ CAN HANDLE TANKERS OF UP TO 60,000 TONS (AND SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE, A 90,000 TON TANKER CAN BE LOADED USING A TANKER TO TANKER SYSTEM). THESE FACILITIES ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO HANDLE THE 1.1 UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLION BARRELS PER DAY OF EXPORTS PEMEX IS PLANNING FOR 1980, AND THIS ACCOUNTS FOR LACK OF INTEREST IN ACCELERATING PLANS FOR DOS BOCAS DEVELOPMENT.

3. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MONOBUOY SYSTEMS, TO INCLUDE THE ANCILLARY PIPES AND STORAGE FACILITIES, CAN BE ADDRESSED TO EITHER CAPTAIN ENRIQUE AMANDO CARDENAS, MANAGER

OF MARINE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMERCIAL SECTION OR ING. IGNACIO DE LEON MARTINEZ, PURCHASING MANAGER. THE MAILING ADDRESS IS AV. MARINA NACTIONAL NO. 329, MEXICO 17, D.F. LUCEY

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